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Dear Ms. Schmidt:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Sports and Imports Ltd., Jim Manning, a wrecking facility located in Great Falls.

If you care to comment on this Preliminary Environmental Review, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Mitchell
Solid Waste Management Bureau
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Enclosure

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau
Project or Application Sports and Imports, Ltd.
Description of Project Establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking facility
at 4427 2nd Avenue North in Great Falls.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quant- ity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmen- tal resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeo- logical sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals			X			X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction City of Great Falls

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. City of Great Falls Planning Office,
Cascade City-County Health Department

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry D. Mitchell

Date: May 11, 1983

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Manning operates a foreign car repair, body, paint, new and used parts business at 4427 2nd Avenue North in Great Falls. The business is located on lots 18 and 19 in Block 12 of the Morning Side Addition. The property measures 120 feet by 140 feet. A shop and car storage yard are presently on the property. The storage yard is approximately 80 feet by 70 feet or 5600 square feet in area. It has a maximum storage capacity of approximately 60 vehicles. The business also deals in salvage or junked motor vehicles for dismantling and buys, sells or deals in used parts of import vehicles. A motor vehicle wrecking facility license is required for this business activity.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

#5 Aesthetics

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Law and Rules require that junk vehicles be screened from public view and motor vehicle wrecking facilities be screened and licensed for operation. This proposed facility is screened on all four sides as required due to its proximity to public roadways. The east, west and north perimeters are fenced with an eight-foot tall wooden fence. The south side is screened with a chain-link fence with plastic or fiberglass inserts. The facility is presently screened in compliance with Rule 16.14.202, ARM. Vehicles, defined by Section 75-10-501(3), MGA, 1979, stored on the property will be required to be stored behind the fence and out of public view.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

#10 Demands for Government Services and #13 Locally Adopted Environmental Plans and Goals

Before a license can be issued for the establishment and operation of a wrecking facility, the proposed site must meet local land use zoning regulations. This property is not zoned for wrecking yards. However, the City of Great Falls has agreed to this use at this location, provided that only a maximum of eight junked or salvage vehicles be held in long-term storage at any one time. Customer vehicles, wrecks awaiting disposal or repair through insurance settlements, or vehicles stored for active repair are excluded from this limitation.

A certain amount of government time will be required to assure that the facility is maintained and operated in compliance with the screening requirements of the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Law and Rules. Routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be conducted periodically. Enforcing the eight vehicle limitations imposed by the City Planning Office will probably place an additional demand on public time. This provision will be administered by the local planning office.

